

La Bandera de Perú



The Coat of Arms features a shield bearing a llama, cinchona tree (the source of quinine), and a yellow cornucopia spilling out gold coins, all framed by a green wreath.

Currency: El sol (El Inti in Quechua)= 100 centavos

Literacy Rate: 85%

Exports: Copper, silver, petroleum, lead, zinc

Official languages: Spanish and Quechua (Aymará also widely spoken)

Major Religion: Roman Catholic

República de Perú (Republic of Peru)

Capital: Lima

Area: 496,225 sq miles (Third largest country in South America after Brazil and Argentina. Twice the size of Texas.)

Population: 23 million
70% urban
30% rural

Ethnic Divisions: 45% Amerindian (mostly Incan descendants)
37% Mestizo (mix of Spanish and natives)
15% Criollo (direct European descent)
3% Black or Oriental

Important Cities: Lima, Arequipa, Callao, Trujillo, Piura, Chimbote, Cuzco

Geographic Regions:

West: Costa (Coastal region), 10% of the country
Central: Sierra (Andes region), 30% of the country
East: Selva (Rain forest region), 60% of the country

Major Lakes: Lago Titicaca

Important Symbols: Condor

Important People: Vargas Llosa, Alberto Fujimori, Garcilaso de la Vega

Popular Sports: Fútbol (soccer), Bullfighting, Cockfighting